



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

Transportation Advisory Committee

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 25, 2000
10:30 A.M. Greensboro, NC

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Carmany	TAC Chair, Greensboro City Council
Chairman Bob Landreth	Guilford County Commission
Doug Galyon	NCBOT
Mayor Keith Holliday,	Greensboro City Council
Mary Rakestraw	Guilford County Commission
Phyllis Gibbs	Guilford County Commission
Robbie Perkins	Greensboro City Council

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chair, GDOT	Libby James	GTA
Bill Parrish	Town of Oak Ridge	Lisa Grosshandler	Division of Air Quality
Jerry Dudeck	Statewide Planning	Mul Wyman	Guilford County Planning
Jill Vitas	Division of Air Quality	Travis Marshall	Statewide Planning
Jim Ayres	Town of Pleasant Garden	Tyler Meyer	GDOT
Jim Elza	Guilford County Planning	Veronica Dunlap	GDOT
Ken King	GDOT		

Sandy Carmany called the meeting to order. Those voting members present were recognized: Sandy Carmany, Mayor Holliday, Mary Rakestraw, and Doug Galyon. Alternates in attendance were noted: Chairman Landreth and Robbie Perkins. Robbie Perkins is the newly appointed City alternate, and was sitting for voting member Don Vaughan.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve January 20, 2000 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and accepted following a motion by Mayor Holliday and a second by Robbie Perkins.

Adopt MPO Certification Resolution

Tyler Meyer reviewed the MPO's obligation to annually self-certify that the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process complies with all applicable requirements under federal law including TEA-21, the Clean Air Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. TCC recommended a certification finding on February 25. Mayor Holliday moved to adopt the proposed certification resolution. Mary Rakestraw seconded. Motion carried.

Adopt PWP FY 2000 – 2001

Tyler Meyer reviewed the proposed Planning Work Program (PWP) for FY 2001 and identified changes since the draft discussed in the January meetings. NCDOT reviewed the draft. The GTA Board approved the transit element on February 22. TCC recommended adoption on February 25. Mayor Holliday moved to approve the adoption resolution. Mary Rakestraw seconded. Motion carried.

Adopt MTIP Amendment

Tyler Meyer reviewed the proposed minor amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The amendments include three highway safety projects, three transit projects, and NC Clean Air Awareness Program for Guilford County. Libby James provided details on the transit amendments and on GTA's pending grant application for providing buses with front end bike racks. TCC recommended adoption on February 25. Mary Rakestraw moved to approve the adoption resolution. Mayor Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

NC Clear Air Awareness Program Overview

Jill Vitas, Division of Air Quality, gave an extensive slide presentation and overview of the NC Clean Air Awareness Program that included:

- a review of air quality in North Carolina and the Triad;
- the media buy and educational components of the program;
- the employer coalition component of the program;
- how the City and County might implement the program as coalition members and how this implementation could relate to existing city and county programs;
- the probable benefits of the program; and
- the provisions of the Ambient Air Quality Act of 1999 (the Governor's Clean Air Bill).

The DAQ will manage the program and will locate a Forsyth / Guilford County Program Coordinator in the offices of the Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department. Mayor Holliday observed the success of the News & Record's printing of water advisory information during the 1999 Greensboro water shortage and suggested this as an effective approach for ozone alerts. Vitas indicated limited success with newspapers in other communities but said that such outreach opportunities would be important to the success of the program. Discussion ensued regarding the participation of the City and County in the program and how this might best be pursued.

MPO Representation

Sandy Carmany asked staff for a presentation on MPO representation to support discussion of whether incorporated towns should be added to the TAC. Ken King presented staff findings and a handout. Possible options for town representation and communication issues were described. Communications solutions can be accomplished through better information flow and coordination. Adding towns to the TAC could be accomplished through an update of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for transportation planning. An MOU update might also be needed:

- if the MPO boundary is significantly expanded following the 2000 Census;
- if the MPO desires to update nomenclature or to otherwise readdress the MOU.

Discussion followed and covered a full range of issues and concerns. Remarks were made by each TAC member/ alternate, representatives from the Towns of Oak Ridge and Pleasant Garden, County Planning Staff, and MPO staff. The discussion moved towards a finding that the problems identified appear to stem from communications rather than representation. Therefore, the preferred solution may be to try enhanced MPO-Town communications measures to see if they provide effective solutions.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Ken King reviewed the proposed schedule for meetings in 2000. The proposed April meeting was switched to April 12th. Doug Galyon noted Board of Transportation Committee and Full meetings are held the first Thursday and Friday of each month. These dates will be avoided for MPO meetings.

OTHER ITEMS

Board Member Update

Doug Galyon stated that the final segments of the Southern Urban Loop have been authorized for construction. All segments of the Southern Urban Loop will be simultaneously opened to traffic in 2003. Doug Galyon reported receiving many urban loop related land use and zoning questions recently. He informs people in such cases to check with local government for details. Year 2000 NC highway maps were also distributed.

Airport Area Plan Committee Status Report -- *deferred*

Airport Area Transportation Planning Study -- *deferred*

Staff Informational Items -- *deferred*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.